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Subject: ER Notification NRC # 1224637 Chicago, IL Tire Fire

Region 5 ER Notification #1: Chicago Tire Fire, Chicago, Illinois (NRC Report # 1224637)

Report as of: 1700 hrs CST, September 14, 2018

Overview: Large pile of shredded tires burning at 11701 Torrence Ave in Chicago, Il. Fire apparently started around 1400 hrs, local Fire Dept. responded to contain the fire. NRC report was submitted by the Fire Dept. around 1630 hrs. Area is in an industrial zone, no reported evacuations at this time. Fire Dept. has conducted some air monitoring. Fire water runoff has the potential to enter Calumet River.

State, Local, and other Federal Agency Action: Chicago Fire Dept. is on-scene and containing fire. Chicago Public Health has requested air monitoring support from EPA. Unknown if any action taken to control oil run-off to river.

EPA Actions: OSC Tom Mendez was dispatched to assess the situation. START resources are also being dispatched to conduct air monitoring. Further resources will be on stand-by after the incident is assessed.

Media Interest: Moderate

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